

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected the Claims 1-6, 9-14 and 17-18 under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Khan; Claim 7 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan in view of Black; Claim 8 under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Khan in view of Black and Official Notice; Claim 15 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan in view of Black; and, Claim 16 under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Khan in view of Black and Official Notice. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully assert that all of the pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

The present invention teaches a computer-based method and program storage device for implementing the method for providing information between a plurality of nodes coupled to a communication network wherein the plurality of nodes comprises more than one content provider nodes, at least one user node, and a portal node between said content providers and said at least one user node, without the portal having to re-format or "translate" every communication from the

format provided by the content providers to the format required by the user. The method comprises the steps of receiving, at the portal node, information from multiple content provider nodes, wherein the information has been generated in a markup language using a specific portlet at each of the more than one content provider nodes; combining, at the portal node, the received information using a generic portlet; and sending, from the portal node, the combined information to a user node. In addition, the present application recites the method and program storage device for each content provider node to provide the information in a markup language using a specific portlet.

The Khan patent, which has been cited as the primary reference against all of the claims, teaches a bookmarking system and method whereby a user can designate a "bookmark" by input at the user site. When a user chooses to bookmark a remote computer location, such as a content provider site, the bookmark server stores information for linking the user to the linked web site. Khan teaches that a customizable bookmark portal page is created for the user at the server. The portal page includes programmable bookmarks which can be customized by the user and subsequently selected by the user for access to the web sites listed therein. When a user

wishes to access a bookmarked site, the user will first contact the server, access the bookmark portal page, and then select one of the user's bookmark entries from the portal page. The server can also provide the service of scanning the sites listed on the user's bookmark portal page for updates, and push updated content to the user. The Examiner has concluded that Khan anticipates the claim language since Khan lists URLs for multiple sites on a single user's bookmark portal page.

Applicants respectfully assert that the Khan patent does not teach or suggest the invention as claimed. The Khan patent does not provide information between a plurality of nodes coupled to a communication network wherein the plurality of nodes comprises more than one content provider nodes, at least one user node, and a portal node between said content providers and said at least one user node. Khan does not teach a portal node between the content providers and the user nodes. Rather, Khan teaches that the bookmark portal is at the server (see: Col. 9, lines 65-66). Further, Khan does not teach a step of receiving, at a portal node, user-requested content information from more than one content provider nodes, wherein the user-requested content information has been generated in a markup language

using a specific portlet at each of the more than one content provider nodes. Khan teaches that the server lists URLs but not user-requested content information from content providers. Applicants further assert that Khan does not teach or suggest combining, at the portal node, the received user-requested content information using a generic portlet. Khan's bookmark page lists URLs but does not combine user-requested content information from more than one content provider at a portal node. Finally, the Khan patent does not teach or suggest sending, from the portal node, the combined user-requested content information to a user node. As such, Applicants conclude that the language of Claims 1-8 and 17 is not anticipated by Khan.

With respect to the language of Claims 9-16 and 18, Khan does not teach the steps of generating, within at least one content provider node, user-requested content information in a markup language using a specific portlet and sending, from the at least one content provider node, the generated information to a portal node for combining with information in the markup language received from other content provider nodes and sending the information to a user node using a generic portlet. As discussed above, the Khan patent does not teach provision of user-requested content

from content providers in any, let alone content generated using specific portlets at the content providers. Also, Khan does not teach or suggest sending generated information to a portal node for combining with such information generated at other content provider nodes.

For a patent to anticipate another invention under 35 USC § 102, the patent must clearly teach each and every claimed feature. Since the Khan patent clearly does not teach a portal node between content provider nodes and user nodes, the content provider nodes generating user-requested content information in a markup language using a specific portlet, the content provider nodes sending the generated user-requested content information to the portal node, the portal node combining the received information from multiple content providers and the portal node sending the combined information to the user node, it cannot be maintained that the Khan patent anticipates each and every claim feature. In light of the fact that the Khan patent does not show each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection based on 35 USC § 102(b) be withdrawn.

The Examiner has additionally rejected claims based on a combination of Khan with Black, or Khan with Black and

Official Notice. The Applicants rely on the arguments presented above with respect to the Khan patent teachings. Moreover, Applicants respectfully assert that neither the Black patent nor the information of which the Examiner takes Official Notice provides those teachings which are missing from the Khan patent. The Black patent has been cited for teaching fees associated with content provision, which Applicants agree is well known. However, even if one were to modify Khan with the Black fees, one would not arrive at the invention as claimed, since neither Black nor Khan teaches a portal node between content provider nodes and user nodes, the content provider nodes generating user-requested content information in a markup language using a specific portlet, the content provider nodes sending the generated user-requested content information to the portal node, the portal node combining the received information from multiple content providers and the portal node sending the combined information to the user node. The Examiner further takes "Official Notice" that accepting fees before services or goods are delivered is known. Applicants do not dispute the Examiner's conclusion. However, Applicants still contend that the cited teachings simply do not teach or suggest the invention as claimed.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments,
reconsideration of the claims, withdrawal of the rejections,
and issuance of the claims.

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